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JOHN BECK

Good evening and welcome to Chester City F.C., their directors, supporters and players. Tonight's fixture gives the lads another chance to show our supporters at home what they are made of. We were all disappointed against Darlington about not getting the right result. But I was still proud the way the lads kept at their task forcing a penalty, goal line clearances and some clear opportunities to score. A lesser side's heads would have dropped but I thought the lads kept going till the last moment when Gareth Ainsworth tackled the keeper and was unfortunate not to score with his shot.

It was uncanny how having mentioned the pitfalls of present day football after three successive wins, one at home and two away, we came to the Darlington fixture maybe expecting three points but it wasn't to be. And it is now a test on how everybody reacts to that defeat. We must rally together with determination and professionalism to fight for the cause. Coupled with the tremendous support from you loyal supporters I am sure we will achieve what everybody is hoping for.

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He uses the lessons of failure to build for the future; his mistakes become red stop lights warning him away from highways that lead to defeat.

He rises to the challenge as did Mark Twain when he wrote, "a few fly bites cannot stop a spirited horse."

He keep on keeping on.

He adopts as his talisman the magic words of the ancient seer. "This, to shall pass away".

Good luck to you all, thanks for your support and drive home carefully.

JOHN BECK

FROM THE SECRETARY

Tonight we entertain Chester City in the first round of the Auto Windscreens Shield (formerly the Autoglass Trophy). Sponsorship for this competition was only finalised last week so when the draw for the Competition was made it was known as the Football League Trophy. On a personal note I must admit that the Football League Trophy was easier to wrap around the tongue. The second game in this round will be played on Tuesday 8th November at Gigg Lane, Bury, kick off 7.30 p.m.

Perhaps some of you will recall on the Lincoln game one of our supporters was called away as his wife had gone into labour, this proved to be a false alarm. I can now inform you that the triplets arrived, three girls, on Monday 19th September 1994. Congratulations to the proud parents.

On a sad note it is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the sudden loss of Keith Aspinall, who passed away on Saturday 17th September. Keith had been involved with Preston North End for many years, the latter years organising the ball boys at Deepdale. He will be greatly missed and our sincere condolences go out to his widow, Barbara, and his family.

AUDREY SHAW
SECRETARY

FRONT COVER:
Neil Whalley, North End's impressive midfield general.

ACTION AGAINST DARLINGTON

Below: Terry Fleming under close scrutiny.
Right: Neil Trebble and Michael Pollitt challinging for the ball.
Bottom: Mark Sale... closely being marked.

Pictures courtesy of Sharon Gifford & Karen Pearson

Due to tonights smaller programme certain articles are not included in this publication. Below you will find a concised list of North End's next six fixtures. The normal fixture page will appear in the Walsall Programme

October 1st	Walsall	H
October 8th	Scunthorpe Utd.	H
October 15th	Hartlepool	A
October 22nd	Colchester Utd.	A
October 29th	Exeter City	H
November 5th	Mansfield Town	A

I hope you enjoy the new look programme and I would welcome your comments.

Best wishes
George Hodkinson

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THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

FOOTBALLERS who have played for both Preston North End and Chester City are in abundance. From a list as long as your arm a dozen or so who easily spring to mind include Colin Greenall, David Flitcroft, Peter Bulmer, Peter Sayer, John Thomas, David Thompson, John Kelly, Mike Stowell, Ronnie Hildersley, Joe Hinnigan, Peter Houghton, Peter Zelem and Alan Tarbuck. John McGrath on the other hand has been the Manager of both clubs.

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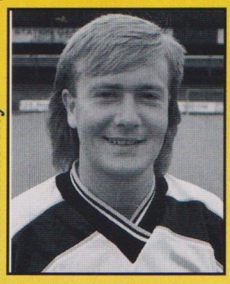
John McGrath

Peter Sayer

John Thomas



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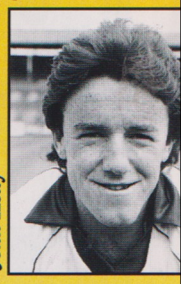

John Kelly

WE'VE MET BEFORE

PRESTON N.E. V CHESTER CITY

By Lawrence Bland

The first meeting was in the North Regional War League on April 14th 1941. North winning a home game 3-0 with goals from Owens, Dougal and McLaren. There was no away game. Next season we met in the War Cup/2nd League Championship, a 6-0 home win (hat-tricks for Beattie. R. and Dougal) and a 2-2 away draw (Wharton and Mutch scoring). There was a 2-3 home friendly defeat on the 1st April 1944, and a further meeting in the War League in 1944-45, a 3-2 home win (McIntosh 2 and Dunn scoring) and a 1-4 defeat away (Strachan scoring).

Except for our Reserves winning a Lancashire Senior Cup 2nd round home tie 2-0 on March 26th 1956 with two goals from Eddie Lewis, the next match was not until we were paired in the F. A. Cup 1st round at Deepdale on 21st November 1970. 15,023 saw a 1-1 draw. Teams: Preston North End - Kelly, Ross (sub Lyall), McMahon, Spark, Hawkins, Spavin, Wilson. D., Ham, Ingram, Heppolette (1) and Clark. Chester - Carling, Cheetham, Turner, Pountney, Birks (sub Webber), McHale, Bradbury, Draper, Tarbuck (1), Loyden and Groves. Chester won the replay 1-0.

The first League meeting was in Division 3 on December 27th 1975, Chester winning 3-0 before a 8,137 crowd. North End: Clarke, McMahon, Williams. G., Lawrenson, Sadler, Spark, Doyle, Burns, Smith. J., Elwiss and Morley. unused sub Taylor. R.).

A 1-1 draw at Chester on December 16th 1986 was the only previous meeting in the (Freight Rover) Trophy.

Many meetings have been quite high scoring, a 6-3 win for Chester City at Deepdale on October 12th 1985. Our best win was 5-0 on September 23rd 1989; North End: Kelly, Williams. N., Swann, Atkins, Scully, Hughes, Mooney (3), Ellis, Joyce, Harper (2) and Bogie. (unused subs Rathbone and Snow).

Chester City won the last League meeting 3-2, an away fixture on April 2nd 1994. We played a pre-season friendly at the Deva Stadium on August 6th 1994, winning 1-0 with a Trebble goal.

PRESTON NORTH END v CHESTER CITY

	Home	Away
1970-71	-	-
F. A. Cup 1	1-1	0-1
1974-75	-	-
League Cup 3		0-1
DIVISION 3		
1975-76	0-0	0-3
1976-77	3-4	0-0
1977-78	2-1	2-1
1981-82	0-1	1-0
DIVISION 4		
1985-86	3-6	0-2
1986-87	-	-
Freight Rover Trophy		1-1
DIVISION 3		
1987-88	1-1	0-1
1988-89	3-3	1-0
1989-90	5-0	1-3
1990-91	0-0	1-1
League Cup 1	2-0	1-5
1991-92	0-3	2-3
DIVISION 2		
192-93	4-3	4-2
DIVISION 3		
1993-94	1-1	2-3

HOME	P	W	D	L	F	A
League	12	3	5	4	22	23
League Cup	1	1	0	0	2	0
F. A. Cup	1	0	1	0	1	1
Freight Rover						
Total	14	4	6	4	25	24

AWAY	P	W	D	L	F	A
League	12	4	2	6	14	19
League Cup	2	0	0	2	1	6
F. A. Cup	1	0	0	1	0	1
Freight Rover	1	0	1	0	1	1
Total	16	4	3	9	16	27

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LINE-UP

BACK ROW L-R: Don Page, Jason Burnham, Julian Alsford, David Felgate, Spencer Whelan, Ray Newland, Chris Lightfoot, Andy Milner

FRONT ROW: Gary Shelton, Roger Preece, Eddie Bishop, Kevin Ratcliffe, Mike Pejic, David Fliteroft, Iain Jenkins, Stuart Rimmer

MEET THE MANAGER

Mike Pejic is presently in charge at the Deva Stadium following the departure of Graham Barrow in the summer. Mike started his footballing career with Stoke City as an apprentice and went on to play for Everton and Aston Villa. Mike an England international, has also coached at Port Vale and at one point following Les Chapman's departure from Deepdale, was in the running for the job as manager of North End. Pejic's assistant is former Everton favourite **Kevin Ratcliffe**. The 33 year old player-coach featured in 359 league matches for the Goodison Park outfit before moving on to Dundee, Cardiff, Notts Forest and Derby County in recent seasons playing in a further 35 matches. Kevin, who has 59 Welsh international caps, played in the first 6 games of the season but then suffered a hamstring strain and is now looking for a return to first team action.

BETWEEN THE STICKS

David Felgate David is now in his 17th season as a professional after starting out at Bolton Wanderers in 1978-79. In his first spell at Burnden Park his only League experience was gained through loan spells with Rochdale, Bradford and Crewe before making a permanent move to Lincoln in 1980-81. The 33 year old spent 5 seasons at Sincil Bank being a virtual ever-present in the first 4 campaigns. After a brief period at Grimsby, David returned to Burnden Park in 1985-86 and made 218 League appearances for Bolton. The Welsh born keeper joined Chester via Wolverhampton last season and, after making his debut in October, went on to start every League game for the rest of the campaign. David started off this season as first choice keeper but a serious knee injury has put him out of action in recent weeks.

John Bagnall Born in Southport, John completed his YTS apprenticeship here at Deepdale before being released in November 1992. The 20 year old gained some experience with local sides including Burnley before joining Chester City last season. John has made a number of appearances on the bench but has yet to make his League debut.

Ray Newland Liverpool born Ray began his career as an Everton trainee joining Plymouth Argyle in July 1992. The 23 year old became understudy keeper to manager Peter Shilton and made a total of 26 league appearances in 2 seasons. His appearances last term were limited due to the excellent form of Alan Nicholls and so Ray jumped at the chance to join Chester in a bid for first team football. Made his debut for City at the end of August versus Huddersfield Town.

LEADING FROM THE BACK

Iain Jenkins 21 year old Iain is a former Everton apprentice who joined Chester on a free transfer during the summer of 1993. He made his Chester debut versus Chesterfield in a 3-1 win and went on to make 30 full League appearances last term. At the time of writing the Prescot born utility defender has appeared in all League matches this campaign.

Jason Burnham Mansfield born Jason started his apprenticeship with Notts County but actually finished it with Northampton Town with whom he signed professional forms in July 1991. The 21 year old went on to feature in 88 league matches for the Cobblers scoring twice before his summer move to Chester on a free transfer. Described as a young player with a lot of promise, Jason has played consistently at full back so far this term.

Julian Alsford 21 year old Julian began his footballing career with Watford as an apprentice. The Poole born defender made his full League debut in a 2-2 draw versus Birmingham in December 1992 and featured in 13 games for the Hornets before his move to Chester in the summer. The youngster has been a regular in the squad so far this term.

Spencer Whelan Former Liverpool apprentice

CHESTER CITY F.C.

Spencer joined Chester in 1990 on a free transfer. Now starting his 5th professional season, the 23 year old has recently featured in his 100th league match. The versatile defender/midfielder almost joined North End last season but the deal fell through after Spencer decided to stay at the Deva Stadium and fight for his first team place. So far this term he seems to have achieved this aim by starting every league match scoring once.

MEN IN THE MIDDLE

David Flitcroft David left Deepdale to join Chester in December last year. After serving his apprenticeship with North End the Bolton born midfielder suffered various injuries which prevented him from establishing himself in the first team in his first season as a professional. Once fit, new signings at the club blocked his way and, after a brief loan spell at Lincoln, David joined City in search of regular football. In his first full game for the club he scored in a 3-1 victory over Torquay. The 20 year old has played a handful of games during this campaign.

Roger Preece Versatile midfielder/right back Roger joined Chester from Wrexham in August 1990. In his 4 seasons at the Racecourse Ground the 25 year old featured in 110 league matches scoring 12 goals. The former Coventry apprentice only missed 3 League games last season and scored twice. Roger has unfortunately had first hand experience of the new FIFA directive for referees being sent off versus Lincoln in the Coca Cola Cup last month.

Chris Lightfoot 24 year old Chris is one of Chester's longest serving players. Now starting his 8th professional season with City after working his way through the youth ranks, Chris has appeared in over 250 matches for the club. He appeared in 37 League matches last term and finished the club's second top scorer with 11 goals.

Eddie Bishop Liverpool born Eddie began his football career in non-league circles before breaking into professional football with Tranmere Rovers. In just over 2 seasons at Prenton Park the 31 year old made 46 full and 30 substitute appearances in the league scoring 19 goals. A £70,000 transfer took him to Chester in December 1990, a fee which was a club record at that time. Eddie had an unfortunate start to the season being sent-off for his second bookable offence versus Lincoln in the Coca Cola Cup, but he bounced back coming on as a second-half substitute and scoring versus Huddersfield.

Gary Shelton Widely travelled midfielder who has been brought in to the side to add experience to the middle of the park. Gary began as an apprentice at Walsall but after a couple of seasons moved to Aston Villa for £80,000. He struggled to make an impact at Villa Park, however, with just 24 appearances in 4 years. Jack Charlton paid £50,000 to take him to Sheffield Wednesday and it was at Hillsborough that he was an almost ever-present over 5 full seasons. He was transferred to Oxford United in July 1987 for £150,000 and later went to Bristol City. Gary has clocked up about 450 League appearances and also has been known to get forward and score goals.

Chris Priest Born in Leigh Chris is a former Everton trainee. The midfielder, who will be celebrating his 21st birthday next month, was unable to break into the Premiership first team and so joined Chester. Chris made his league debut in mid-September versus Brighton.

IN ATTACK

Stuart Rimmer Stuart is much admired by Preston manager John Beck and there was transfer speculation last term linking the frontrunner with North End. The 29 year old is now in his second spell at Chester after rejoining the club in 1991 for a club record transfer fee of £150,.000. He is a highly experienced striker who has spent time at Watford, Notts County, Walsall and Barnsley but has found that most of his success has been with Chester. Southport born Stuart is the biggest League goalscorer in the club's history with 108 goals up to te end of last season. Stuart has fond memories of Deepdale, he scored 4 goals for Chester against North End on his 21st birthday!

Steve Anthrobus Born in November 1968, Steve made his League debut playing for Millwall in the 1987-88 season. After a brief loan spell at Southend, the 25 year old joined Wimbledon and featured in 28 League matches over 5 seasons. Another loan spell, this time with Peterborough, followed before Steve moved north to Chester on loan at the end of August. He made his Blues debut in the match versus Huddersfield.

Don Page A tricky winger, Don was snapped up from Runcorn by Wigan Athletic in the 1988-89 season. He appeared in 74 league matches for the Latics scoring 15 goals. In August 1991 the 30 year old made the move across the Pennines to Rotherham where he spent the next 2 seasons. Doncaster snapped him up for an undisclosed fee in November 1993 and the Manchester born forward capped his debut versus Colchester with a goal. Don has appeared in the majority of league matches so far this term scoring twice to date after his free transfer from Belle Vue at the start of the season.

Leroy Chambers Signed earlier in the season from Premier club Sheffield Wednesday. Leroy, 21, was born in Sheffield and joined the Owls as a trainee. He became a prolific goalscorer in the Reserve side but found his way into the first team blocked by the likes of Bright, Watson, Hirst and Waddle. he was snapped up by Chester and looks to have a fine future ahead.

Gary Hackett Former Shrewsbury, Aberdeen, Stoke, West Brom and Peterborough forward who has appeared on the wing in recent matches. The Stourbridge born player started out at non-league level with Bromsgrove Rovers before turning professional at Gay Meadow. The 31 year old has made more than 300 league appearances for his various clubs.

Andy Milner A utility forward with electrifying pace signed from Rochdale during the summer, born in Kendal, Andy began his career with Manchester City but had to wait until his transfer to Rochdale in January 1990 before making his League debut. In just over 4 seasons at Spotland Andy appeared in 97 League matches scoring 25 goals. He has appeared in a handful of matches this term opening the season with the club's first league goal of the 1994-95 campaign versus Bradford on the opening day.

Over the past six months Chester City have experienced both the highs and the lows of football. Their previous Manager, Graham Barrow, turned the club around last season and led them to promotion, much to the surprise of most soccer pundits. Since then, off the field problems led to Graham's resignation and the departure of a fair portion of his squad, including former P.N.E. players Colin Greenall, Dave Thompson and Mark Leonard. New Manager Mike Pejie has had a difficult task in re-assembling a squad, although it is now in a much better position than at the start of the season. Unfortunately, results so far this season do not look good, having played 10 games in all (at time of writing) Chester's reward is Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 9. It is therefore, no surprise that attendances at the Deva Stadium have fallen. It was therefore, no real surprise and perhaps a reflection of the off the field problems, when a sizeable contingent of Chester fans turned up at Wigan last week for Graham Barrow's first home game in charge at this new club.

It can only be hoped that the future looks brighter for Chester City as at present it cannot get much worse.

David Lee

LEAGUE DIVISION 2 RESULTS

13/8/94 (home)	LOST 1-4	BRADFORD CITY (Milner 89)
20/8/94 (away)	LOST 0-1	BIRMINGHAM CITY
27/8/94 (home)	LOST 1-2	HUDDERSFIELD (Bishop 71)
30/8/94 (away)	LOST 1-2	CAMBRIDGE UNITED (Page 58)
3/9/94 (away)	LOST 0-2	HULL CITY
10/9/94 (home)	LOST 1-2	BRIGHTON (Page 61)
13/9/94 (home)	LOST 0-2	CARDIFF
17/9/94 (away)	DREW 0-2	BOURNEMOUTH (Lightfoot 43)

COCA COLA CUP RESULTS

16/8/94 (away)	LOST 0-2	LINCOLN
23/8/94 (home)	LOST 2-3	LINCOLN (Whelan 56, Chambers 73)

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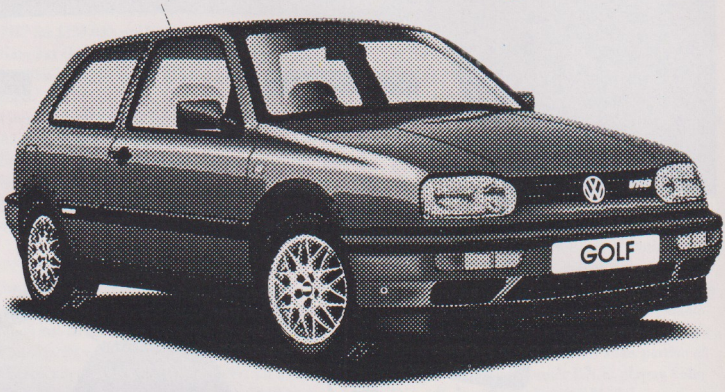

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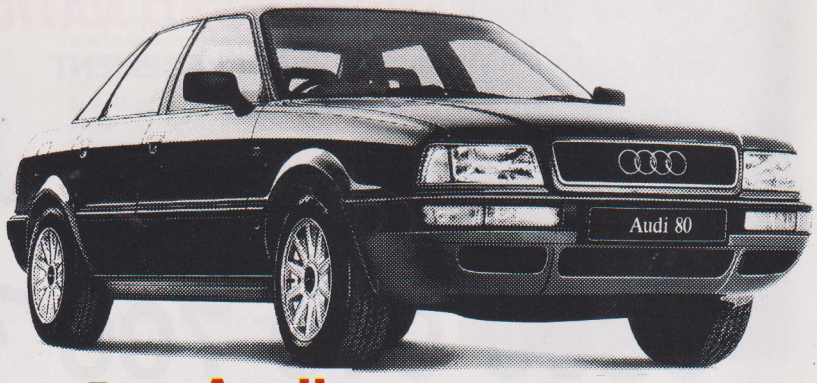

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THE STORY SO FAR

By Mike Payne

This is the thirteenth season of tonight's competition and although it has had a variety of names and sponsors it has mostly remained a cup for the two lowest divisions of the League. It is in fact a direct descendant of the Anglo Scottish cup tournament which had previously replaced the Texaco Cup. Of course, nowadays a grand day at Wembley Stadium is part of the rewards so tonight's game will be justifiably hard fought.

Preston's first tie in the competition, then called the Associate Members Cup, came on February 22 1983 when we visited Spotland to record a 3-0 win over Rochdale. It was a memorable night for Steve Elliott as our former Nottingham Forest striker scored all three goals. Two weeks later we had our second round match at Doncaster. We lost this one 2-1 with Willie Naughton scoring our goal. That goal was to prove important as we qualified for the quarter-finals by virtue of being a highest scoring loser in that second round, our four goals earning us a tie at Hull City. Sadly our run came to an end there as we went down 3-0.

Freight Rover took over the cup for the next three years and again Rochdale were our first opponents. This time we drew 2-2 away but lost 1-0 at Deepdale in what was now a two legged tie. The 3-2 aggregate defeat ended our interest for the 1984-5 season. Our goals at Rochdale were scored by Simon Gibson and Graham Houston and it was a game where North End played for 82 minutes with ten men as John Kelly was sent off. The winning goal in the return was scored by Steve Taylor, later to join P.N.E. of course.

1985-6 was probably the worst season in the club's history and the Freight Rover brought us a 2-0 defeat at Tranmere and a 2-0 win here against Bury. The Bury game was memorable for all the wrong reasons. Played on a Wednesday afternoon because our floodlights were out of action at the time (How many of you still have your floodlight appeal badges?!), only 751 people managed to see the game, the lowest crowd ever at Deepdale for a full first team match. Nigel Greenwood and 'super sub' Vernon Allatt scored our goals, Allatt's from the penalty spot. As the matches were now played in groups and Tranmere beat Bury 2-1 in the other game it was the men from Merseyside who qualified.

The following year was much happier and under John McGrath we had our best run yet in the competition. We drew 1-1 (Nigel Jemson) at Chester in our first game and then beat Crewe here 1-0 thanks to a Garry Swann goal. This gave us a tie against Carlisle at Brunton Park on a murky January night. A 64th minute goal by John Halpin looked like giving the home side a win but in a sensational last couple of minutes Gary Brazil and Nigel Jemson turned the tie on its' head. North End only had themselves to blame for their defeat in the quarter-final at Wrexham a month later. They dominated for long spells but missed many great chances after going a goal down to Nick Hencher on 25 minutes. John Thomas equalised in the second-half but their superiority could not be turned into goals. They paid the penalty when Steve Buxton scored a winner for Wrexham with just five minutes to go.

Freight Rover again began the sponsorship in 1987-8 but after the first matches it became the Sherpa Van Trophy. Preston drew 0-0 at Bolton before thrashing Stockport 5-2 here. Nigel Jemson (2), Tony Ellis, Gary Swann and Brian Mooney scored the goals. Then we followed that with great wins over Rochdale, 3-1, Mansfield, 2-1, and Hartlepool, 2-0 to give us those much remembered games against Burnley in the Northern area finals. A 0-0 draw at Turf Moor had seemingly booked our place at Wembley but alas a Deepdale night of passion turned sour for a magnificent crowd of 17,592. A goal by George Oghani on 32 minutes put North End under pressure and it was not until the 65th minute that the ground erupted to a Gary Brazil equaliser. In the remaining minutes Preston did everything but score a winner but in extra time it was Burnley who stole victory. Ashley Hoskin made it 2-1 and although North End tried desperately to find a way back it was Paul Comstive who put the tie out of reach in the 117th minute.

Two 1-0 defeats at Burnden Park, Bolton proved our undoing in the 1988-9 season. The first had been a group match and because we beat Bury 4-0 in our other game we had to return to Bolton in the next round. Alas we were not good enough to avenge the earlier defeat.

Goodbye Sherpa Van, hello Leyland DAF. 1989-90 gave us an early opportunity to avenge our defeat against Burnley as in our first tie of the season we again met them here at Deepdale. This time 5,241 were here and they saw two goals from Tony Ellis and one from Warren Joyce give us a convincing 3-0 win. We then had a fine 4-2 win at Stockport with Ellis, Graham Shaw (2) and Adrian Hughes scoring the goals. But any thoughts of a possible Wembley visit were quickly curtailed when Wigan beat us 2-1 here in the next round.

We again made the Northern final in 1990-1 but this time Tranmere made sure we had no chance of victory with a 4-0 thrashing at Prenton Park in the first leg. Earlier we drew 1-1 at Carlisle, (a Shaw penalty), won 3-1 here against Rochdale, (Joyce (2), Harper) and then dramatically beat Darlington here with a Warren Joyce penalty sealing a 2-1 win late on. In the next round we demolished Burnley 6-1 here with Ronnie Jepson leading the way with a hat-trick and again Wembley fever hit the town. Alas that defeat at Tranmere effectively ended our dream although big Ronnie did score to give us a 1-0 win in the return.

We had three games in the (by now!) Autoglass Trophy in 1991-2. Joyce scored in a 1-1 draw at Rochdale and he did it again in the next match here against Bolton. John Thomas also scored to give us a 2-1 win but we then went out of the competition when we lost 3-2 at Hull after extra-time. Thomas and Ainsworth scored those goals.

A miserable showing followed in 1992-3 with a 1-1 draw here against Blackpool and a 2-1 defeat at Wigan giving us an early exit. Ellis and Norbury being our two goalscorers.

Last season saw a first for us. In our final tie of three in the season we drew 0-0 at Huddersfield but lost 5-3 on penalties and thus went out. Earlier Ainsworth and Ellis goals had been enough to beat Burnley 2-1 here, our third victory over them in the competition after that infamous defeat in 1988. That win, after a defeat at Carlisle (0-2), had given us the tie at Huddersfield and that dramatic exit.

So, all that represents the following interesting figures:

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KEITH ASPINALL

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing of Keith Aspinall on Saturday September 17th after the match against Darlington. Keith had appeared to be his usual happy self before the game and had arranged to meet his friends in the Guild Club after the game but he later complained of feeling unwell and decided to go straight home. In the event he made his usual Saturday evening visit to Church, collapsed outside Church and died on the way to Hospital.

Keith, who was educated at Preston Catholic College, taught at St. Maria Goretti and became assistant Head Teacher at St. Gregory's, had been a North End stalwart for many years and had a particularly good eye when it came to assessing the potential of schoolboy talent. In his capacity as a teacher he not only ran his own school team but he also took a very active interest in and ran the Preston Primary Schools Representative Team, his concept of football at this level being "keep it simple and keep it enjoyable". Of the many boys who came under his wing and achieved professional level the names of Mark Lawrenson, Alan Kelly and Andrew McAteer are three which readily come to mind. Of the present Y.T.S. squad at North End Kevin Kilbane is probably one of the last of the boys who passed "through his hands" before his retirement from teaching.

Way back in 1965 Keith and others organised a ladies football team which was later to be known as Preston North End Ladies and which pioneered Ladies football in the area. A lot of the credit for the spread of the game amongst women and for the present acceptance of female football as a serious sport can be attributed to Keith.

Keith was also involved with the P.N.E. Junior Federation and had also for some years organised the ball boys at Deepdale and had done so on the day of his untimely death. He will be remembered by his many friends for his patience, his humour but particularly for his lifelong dedication to school football and P.N.E. in particular.

He leaves a wife, Barbara and four children to whom we offer our sincere condolences.

TEAM *CHECK*

PRESTON *NORTH END*

COLOURS: *BLUE, WHITE*

1. BARRY RICHARDSON
2. ANDY FENSOME
3. RYAN KIDD
4. NEIL WHALLEY
5. STUART HICKS
6. DAVID MOYES **captain**
7. GARETH AINSWORTH
8. IAN BRYSON
9. PAUL RAYNOR
10. NEIL TREBBLE
11. TERRY FLEMING
12. LEE CARTWRIGHT
14. JAMIE SQUIRES

GK. JOHN VAUGHAN

CHESTER *CITY*

COLOURS: *BLACK & YELLOW*

1. RAY NEWLAND
2. IAIN JENKINS
3. JASON BURNHAM
4. JULIAN ALSFORD
5. SPENCER WHELAN **captain**
6. GARY SHELTON
7. GARY HACKETT
8. CHRIS PRIEST
9. CHRIS LIGHTFOOT
10. STEVE ANTROBUS
11. DON PAGE
12. LEROY CHAMBERS
14. DAVID FLITCROFT

GK. JOHN BAGNALL

Referee: *Mr. A. Dawson (Jarrow)*
Mr. A. Bates (yellow)
Mr. M.S. Pike (red/yellow)

Reserve Official: *Mr. R.J. Marsden*

Our referee tonight, Mr. Alan Dawson, comes from Jarrow. Mr. Dawson, is married with two children, and is a Sales Manager. He commenced refereeing in his R.A.F. days back in 1966 and progressed through to the Football League Referees list in 1988. His hobbies include squash reading and golf.

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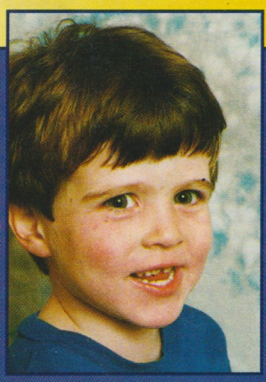

Todays mascot is Daniel Norris from Penwortham. Daniel is five years old and attends Broadoak County Primary School. His Favourite player is Gareth Ainsworth. We hope you have a great day!